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Subject: Environmental Management Policy Statement

To: Employees at the National Centers for Animal Health (NCAH)

The NCAH is committed to conducting its mission in a manner that protects human health and the environment, promotes the principles of environmental stewardship within our community, and strives for excellence by implementing continuous improvement in our processes. Compliance with federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, codes, and standards, as well as Federal Executive Orders, is essential to accomplish our goals and protect the environment.

Environmental stewardship is a core value at the NCAH and all employees have the responsibility for ensuring that environmental impacts are considered in all operations, including those performed by contractors or visitors. All employees are responsible for fostering and maintaining a culture of Environmental Awareness and shall comply with established environmental protection standards, policies, and procedures related to their work.

An environmental protection attitude and knowledge of proper practices and procedures will facilitate the overall success of the NCAH's Environmental Management Program and our Missions. The NCAH Environmental Management System will be based on international ISO 14001 standards. Beyond compliance, we shall implement procedures and practices that emphasize pollution prevention, waste minimization, energy and water conservation, and sustainable practices as means to achieve, maintain, and demonstrate excellence in environmental stewardship.

As the Board of Directors for the NCAH, we are committed to comply with all pertinent environmental laws, regulations, and directives.

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